

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Information:	
Meeting Date & Time:	1/12/2016 9:00am - 11:00 pm (Central)
Meeting Title:	Network Adequacy Deliberations for PY2017
Called by:	Zane Chrisman, Deputy Commissioner, Regulatory Health Link Division
Mode of meeting	In Person or Phone-in
Attendees	See attachment 1 (Online attendee names may have spelling errors and all names could not be captured)
Attachments* (Agenda, Handouts, PPTs, etc.):	PPT slide deck provided separately called "20160112_Data_Driven_NA_Regulation"

* Attachments can be submitted by copying and pasting in this document or by submitting as separate document.

Agenda:

Meeting Notes
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tonmoy Dasgupta, IT Oversight & Management, AID called the meeting to order and welcomed participants.• Tonmoy Dasgupta, IT Oversight & Management, reiterated the importance of the architecture principles in light of Arkansas NA regulation effort requiring collaboration between multiple types of stakeholders and phased build over the years. He stated it was important to keep improving and improving smartly. The goals of the previous meeting were noted<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Achieve uniform understanding of Definition of Provider Types, and Description of a Provider○ Provide opportunity for feedback from the industry○ Propose a governance structure for continuous improvement of NA regulation• AID mentioned creation of a new NA Regulation Program webpage http://rhld.insurance.arkansas.gov/Default/NetworkAdequacy with various documents related to the program<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Annual NA Process Diagram involving three distinct phases within the year<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Additional Swim-lane process diagram describing Phase 1○ Finalized Provider Type Definitions for PY2017○ Problem Log citing all deficiencies in Arkansas NA Regulation program• AID stated that it had accepted all industry feedback on the Provider Type Definitions. The final version has been published on the above mentioned web-page. There have been changes to 16 of the 18 Provider Type definitions from Industry.• AID stated that it would follow CMS/CCIIO recommendations for PY2017 towards collecting metrics on<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Time and Distance AID was unsure whether CMS/CCIIO would need both or would agree to distance alone. AID stated intentions to pursue Distance as a crow flies as in the past. The distance standards were newly segregated for PY2017 in terms of Rural versus non-Rural. An additional requirement in PY2017 was covering 80% of enrollees within the standards. Failure in either of the two would require an up-front justification.○ Provider to Enrollee Ratio

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AID solicited industry suggestions on standards for the above in terms of Rural versus non-Rural counties by January 19, 2016 for Arkansas Provider Types. AID suggested alignment with Medicare standards to the extent possible. It would use the suggested standards for further discussion with State and Federal agencies.

AID stated that the above Provider-Enrollee ratio would replace the PY2016 ratio requirement of covering 80% of providers within any specialty type. The PY2016 ratio had provider counts in both the numerator and the denominator.

- Tonmoy Dasgupta, IT Oversight & Management, reviewed the new NPI List Template submission requirements. This list would have both facilities and individuals with one line per NPI. This data was needed by January 19, 2016.
- Tonmoy Dasgupta, IT Oversight & Management, reviewed the new NPI Relation List Template. The group discussed various issues related with this data. On seeing industry concern on potential data quality issues with the proposed specification, AID asked industry to finalize the data element specification for this dataset and processing details for AID within a week. AID stated that this data solely belonged to the carriers for their use in determining missing working relationships, and AID's role in this relation data was only to compile it on their behalf.
- Tonmoy Dasgupta, IT Oversight & Management, reviewed the new Problem Log available for public view. It identifies problems and gaps in the current Arkansas Network Adequacy process. Anyone can comment or add to this problem log following instructions in the document.
- **AID set the following deadlines to the industry**
 - **Submission of the NPI List: Tuesday, January 19, 2016.**
 - **Industry data specification & processing details for the NPI Relationship Template: January 19, 2016**
 - **Industry suggestions for Provider-Enrollee ratio for Arkansas Provider Types: January 19, 2016**
- Tonmoy Dasgupta, IT Oversight & Management, adjourned the meeting.

Attachment 1

Name	Organization	Attendance Mode
Anne Yeary		Online
Ben Butler	Blue Cross Blue Shield	In-person
Bill Lacy	Arkansas Insurance Department	In-person
Bryan Meldrum	Arkansas Health and Wellness	In-person
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Dan Honey	Arkansas Insurance Department	In-person
Dan Stevens	Blue Cross Blue Shield	In-person
Donna Lambert	Arkansas Insurance Department	In-person
Elisa White	Arkansas Hospital Association	In-person
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Green, Lynn	lynn.green@geha.com	Online
Jamie Gilmore	Arkansas Health and Wellness	In-person
Jennifer		Online
Jim Couch	Delta Dental	In-person
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Joy Odom		Online
Joyce Morgan	Arkansas Insurance Department	In-person
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Klein, Linzie		Online
LaPine, Bernard J		Online
Mark Johnson	QualChoice	In-person
Mary K. Chmelka		Online
RKT		Online
Teresa White	Blue Cross Blue Shield	In-person
Tonmoy Dasgupta	Arkansas Insurance Department	In-person
Zane Chrisman	Arkansas Insurance Department	In-person